



Upcoming Events

*Speaker schedule and upcoming events can also be found on
Charlotte Rotary's website under "Events / News".*

*Tues., Dec. 3 - Weekly Meeting: HIGWIA - "How I Got Where I'm At" program featuring new members
Byrd Bergeron, Hallie Rojeski, and Isabella Warner*

*December Volunteer Opportunity: The Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Red Kettle Campaign. Ring the
bell for The Salvation Army and participate in the raffle drawings. See full details below.*

*Fri., Dec. 13 - Club Social: Rotary Club of Charlotte Holiday Party, 6–9 p.m., 1115 East Morehead St.,
Charlotte, 28204. Look for the invitation in your email. Details below.*

*Tues., Dec. 17 - Volunteer Opportunity: Blood Drive! Join Charlotte Rotary and the American Red Cross
Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code Charlotterotary or call 1-
800-redcross to make your appointment.*

*Weds., Dec. 25 - Volunteer Opportunity: Christmas Morning Breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission, 6–
8:30 a.m., 907 W. 1st St., Charlotte, NC 28202. Dress Attire: Black pants and white shirt. 30 volunteers
are needed. Please confirm your attendance by signing up at <https://vhub.at/charlotterotaryclub> or email
Tracy Reading at treading1@mac.com. See details below.*

SAVE THE DATE! Thurs, Feb. 20, 2025 Event: CART Event, The Village on Morehead.

This Week's Meeting



Gratitude in Action: A Thanksgiving Reflection by Elly Clary

For contentment, health, business success, and becoming more aware, three Rotarians voiced their thanks. It was a memorable holiday program.

Tony Marciano recruited **David Anderson**, **Keith Nowokunski**, and **John Cantrell** to journal daily for 21 days about what they are thankful for. They also were to record positive experiences, perform random

acts of kindness, exercise, and meditate or pray.

It's part of a program by Shawn Achor, author and corporate speaker, to help people achieve happiness that leads to success, rather than the other way around. In a video, Achor explained it this way:

"If you're positive in the present, you have the 'happiness advantage.' When your brain is positive, it performs significantly better than it does under negative stress. You can train your brain to become more positive." [Click here to read more.](#)

Shawn Achor's program, TEDxBloomington "The Happiness Advantage: Linking Positive Brains to Performance", can be found here: https://youtu.be/GXy__kBVq1M?si=uYf-vmik3BKCsBtR

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1033852802>

Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1033853079>

The presenter's introduction begins at approximately 15 minutes and 25 seconds.





Club News



Condolences to the family of long time Charlotte Rotarian Bert Voswinkel, Sr. Bert was born in Stettenhoffen, Germany, but built a remarkable life in Charlotte with his late wife, Patricia, and was a skilled dental technician. Bert joined Charlotte Rotary on May 1, 1984 and serviced as the club's photographer for 18+ years. **Click here for Bert's obituary.** Services will be private.



Welcome, Jennifer De La Jara to the Club! Jennifer De La Jara is an educational, non-profit, and community leader who has lived in Charlotte for 23 years. A native of Valdese, NC, she graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in Communication Studies and then after a five-year stint in California, she returned to NC to pursue a Master's in Education at UNCC. Jennifer was an Instructor in the English as a Second Language program at Central Piedmont Community College for many years, and was the Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the Transit Authority in Louisville, Kentucky. More recently, she has held the positions of Director of Education at International House and Director of Workforce Development at the Charlotte Bilingual Preschool, while also serving a four-year elected term on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of

Education from 2019-2023 as an At-Large Member. In May 2024, she joined Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont as Director of Philanthropy, overseeing major and small gifts, grants and stewardship.

In 2023, Jennifer was named a Hunt Institute State Policy Fellow, and she was named Non-Latin Person Most Support of the Latino Community at La Noticia's Excelente Awards in 2022. She has been married to her husband, Jorge, for 27 years, and they have two children ages 16 & 18. *Welcome, Jennifer!*



Welcome, Richard Walker to the Club!

Richard Walker has served as Goodwill's Chief Financial and Strategy Officer since 2019, providing strategic leadership for financial services, business intelligence, and planning. A key advisor to Goodwill's operations and board committees, Richard is passionate about strengthening the organization's financial foundation to expand its community impact.

Since joining Goodwill in 2013, Richard has held various leadership roles, including Controller and Vice President of Finance. His efforts have been pivotal in transforming Goodwill's focus on operational excellence, mission funding, and service impact. A finalist for the Charlotte Business Journal CFO of the

Year Award, Richard brings decades of nonprofit financial management experience, including helping establish the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

A Tennessee native who has lived in Charlotte most of his life, Richard holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Tennessee. He enjoys spending time with his wife and children and is dedicated to advancing Goodwill's mission of empowering individuals and creating lasting social impact. *Welcome, Richard!*



Christmas Morning at Charlotte Rescue Mission

Join Charlotte Rotary in continuing its cherished tradition of volunteering at the Charlotte Rescue Mission Christmas morning breakfast! Help serve breakfast, coffee, and juice and spread joy to residents and the community on this special morning.

At least 30 volunteers are needed to make the morning unforgettable. If you're interested, please confirm your attendance by signing up at the link below, or email Tracy Reading at treading1@mac.com directly so he can help you sign up.

Here are the details:

- Date: December 25, 2024
- Time: 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- Location: 907 W. 1st St., Charlotte, NC 28202
- Dress Attire: Black pants and a white shirt

Sign Up Here: <https://vhub.at/charlotterotaryclub>



Charlotte Rotary Red Kettle Campaign

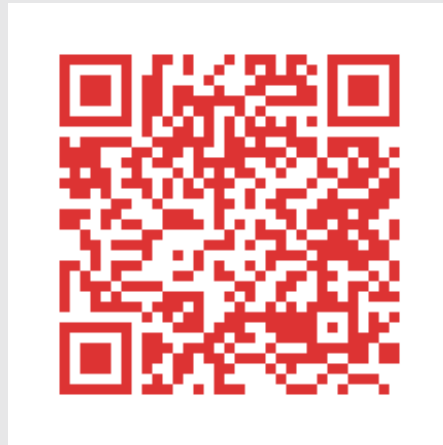
The Charlotte Rotary club enters its 30th year of support to The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign. This support has included volunteer bell ringers at Uptown locations, a raffle, and a **virtual red kettle (online)** to help with fundraising efforts.

We have currently filled all available bell ringing slots for December. If you and your family/friends would still like to ring the bell for The Salvation Army, you can go to www.registertoring.com to look at other options.

Raffle tickets will be sold at Rotary meetings on Dec. 3, 10, and 17 with raffle prizes drawn each

week. You can also purchase raffle tickets online by contributing to our **Virtual Red Kettle**. Just click on the QR code below to make your contribution directly. You will receive one raffle ticket for each \$20 contribution. (i.e. \$100 gift = 5 raffle tickets)

The efforts of Charlotte Rotary will contribute to serving thousands of youth this holiday season and in the coming year. If you have any questions, you can contact **Mark Norman** at mark.norman@jwu.edu.



Rotary Club of Charlotte Holiday Party

Hosted by Past President **Edwin & Amy Peacock**

Let's celebrate the season together!

Drop in, mingle, & enjoy an evening of:

Hors d'Oeuvres, Festive Wine & Beer, Great Local Art for Sale

Come as you are, leave when you please, and let's toast to the holidays!

RSVP Required - check your email for the invitation or contact **Christine Cipriano** at christine@charlotterotary.org

\$15 per person – Spouses welcome!

(you'll be billed on your next invoice)

Friday, December 13, 6:00PM – 9:00PM EST

Art on East Morehead, 1115 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28204

Leaders Save Lives

Make your mark.

HUMANkind

Rotary Club Of Charlotte Blood Drive

Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown

Ballroom
201 S McDowell Street
Charlotte, NC 28204

**Tuesday, December 17th
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**



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Plan Ahead: Make Your Year-End Donations now for Tax Benefits

As the calendar year comes to a close, now is the perfect time to make your donations to The Rotary Foundation. Contributions made before December 31 are eligible for this year's tax deductions, allowing you to support meaningful causes while also benefiting your financial planning. Your generosity helps fund programs locally and globally, aligning with Rotary's mission of service above self. To donate or learn more, see below, visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> or contact [Christine Cipriano](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) at christine@charlotterotary.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Beyond the Club



Click here for the November issue of the District 7680 Newsletter



November is Rotary Foundation Month

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION?

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International.

It is a non-profit supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Its sole mission is to support the efforts of Rotarians through Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian and educational programs in your backyard and around the globe.

HOW DID THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GET STARTED?

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution in 1917 of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri to more than \$4.4 billion in total contributions. The Rotary Foundation made its first grant of \$500.00 to the International Society for Crippled Children in 1930, and to this day, it continues to "do good in the world" in the name of Rotary.

How do I contribute to The Rotary Foundation?

There are many ways to give to The Rotary Foundation.

You choose how much and how often to give. The three primary ways are:

1. Directly! Contributions can be made at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. Online credit card contributions can be made once, monthly, quarterly, or annually with a \$25 minimum.
2. Write a check payable to The Rotary Foundation and mail it either to the club office **1850 E. 3rd Street, Suite 220, Charlotte, NC 28204**) or to Rotary Direct (17th Floor, Annual Giving One Rotary Center **1560 Sherman Avenue Evanston, IL 60201**) along with **this form**. You will need your Rotary ID number.
3. Contact Christine Cipriano contact Christine at christine@charlotterotary.org to incorporate your contribution to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund into your Quarterly Dues.

Donors can change or cancel their recurring giving at any time.

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation and its work.

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

10/29/2024 249

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, November 26, 2024: 99

Guests in attendance: Ashley Cantrell ([John Cantrell](#)), Howie Joyce ([Richard Malnati](#)), Theresa Joyce ([Richard Malnati](#)), Ben Meier ([Laura Meier](#)), Sandra Moore ([Luther Moore](#)), Allen Roes ([Tony Marciano](#)), Mordecai Scott (Leadership Impact Group), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#)), Tynan Tucker ([Bill Loftin](#))

Milestones (Week of Dec. 3 - 9)

Birthdays

3 - Steve Meckler
5 - Don Carmichael
5 - David Head
5 - Kyle Woodruff
9 - Elly Clary

Member Anniversaries

24 years: Cynthia Marshall
22 years: Floyd Davis
3 years: Charles Robson

Wedding Anniversaries

5 - Catherine & Bob Finley

2024 - 2025 Board Members

- President Kim Brattain
- President-Elect Patrick Baker
- Immediate Past President Edwin Peacock
- Secretary Bill Gill
- Treasurer Craig Field
- Sergeant at Arms Mike Wollinger

Current Directors: Linwood Bolles, Woodson Bradley, Benton S. Bragg, John F. Cantrell, Tish Atkins Charles, Terri DeBoo, Andrew "Andy" B. Dinkin, Dena R. Diorio, Donna Y. Dunlap, Joel D. Ford, Stuart P. Hair, David Head, Jesse G. Hite, Virginia Owen

Contact Us



For more information about how to get involved, volunteer opportunities and meeting topics, contact Christine Cipriano, Executive Secretary at christine@charlotterotary.org



Photos from our luncheons, historical photos, and other events and projects can be found on the club's Flickr site. Click here [charlotterotary6006](#) to view pictures from recent meetings.



Recordings of weekly club luncheons can be found on the club's Vimeo site. Click here <https://vimeo.com/user24733153> to watch recent videos.



Guest Check-In If you have a guest who would like to preregister for the weekly meeting, a QR code is provided for easy scanning, or the link can be found here: [Visitor Pre-Register \(jotform.com\)](#)

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